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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI/R&A

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SUBJECT: Examination of Writing ostensibly by

Boris Savinkov - AB Case No. 12,132

REFERENCE: Memo - 21 August 1970

- 1. The documents submitted with reference, i.e., the four letters reproduced in the back of the book, the hand-writing reproduced in the newspaper and the signature on the copy of the memorandum, have been examined.
- 2. The loss of detail in the reproduction of the hand-writing submitted has rendered it impossible to conduct a thorough examination. For this reason, we have only been able to reach tentative conclusions concerning authorship of the writing involved.
- 3. The handwriting comprising the texts of Letters Number 2, 3, and 4 (numbered in sequence as they appear in the book) shows sufficient agreement to indicate that it was probably all prepared by one person. There is general agreement between this writing and that comprising the text of Letter #1, but the presence of several significant differences suggest that it may have been prepared by another person. The text appearing in the newspaper is quite limited and much detail has been lost, thus, it has not been possible to reach even a tentative conclusion regarding its authorship.
- 4. The signatures appearing on Letters #1 and #3 show quite good agreement with each other. Those appearing on Letters #2 and #4 and the one reproduced in the newspaper also agree well with each other, but not with those on Letters #1 and #3. The signature on the memorandum was written in an angular style and does not agree well with any of the other signatures.
- 5. The four letters are all dated during 1924, the newspaper article appeared in 1924, and the memorandum is dated 1921. If all of this writing was prepared by one person in



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such a limited period of time, one would expect to encounter much better agreement than is found in this case. The fact that significant differences are encountered, both in the extended writing and in the signatures, creates a very strong doubt that the writing submitted was all prepared by one individual.

6. All exhibits were previously returned to you. Charts illustrating the evidence in this case are attached. For further information concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned on Extension 2009.

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